

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 15, 2002
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; DAN CLAWSON. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS TERRI BRIERE AND KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; RUSSELL WILSON, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; GERALD RERECICH, Recreation Manager; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF JOSEPH PEACH, COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, and COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Police: Meritorious Award to
Sergeant David Leibman

Chief of Police Garry Anderson awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Sergeant David Leibman. Chief Anderson described Sergeant Leibman's service to the City of Renton which includes being a field training officer and a trainer of trainers at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy. In addition to his field officer training duties, Sergeant Leibman has been an emergency driving instructor and a hostage negotiator/crisis communicator. Sergeant Leibman accepted the medal and stated that field training was the most challenging and rewarding aspect of his career thus far. He expressed his appreciation for being honored for his contributions to the Police Department and acknowledged the efforts of the officers involved with the field training program.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ A new edition of CityView is now airing on Cable Channel 21. The magazine-type program features information about activities at the Renton Senior Activity Center; special events hosted for kids; and High School Electives. Previous editions of CityView can be checked out at the Renton Public Library.
- ✱ The new automated pay box system at the Gene Coulon Beach Park boat launch should be installed and operating by May 1st. The new box will take cash and credit cards for boat launch and parking fees.
- ✱ Weather permitting, street grinding and asphalt overlay paving will begin Tuesday, April 16th, for South Renton streets that were excavated last year for utility installation, including Wells and Williams Avenues S.

Police: Hardie Ave NW Traffic
Enforcement

Councilman Clawson requested traffic enforcement on Hardie Ave. NW.

Community Services: Gene Coulon Park Boat Launch, Earthquake Damage Repairs

Responding to Councilman Clawson's inquiry regarding the status of repairing the Gene Coulon Beach Park boat launch ramp damaged by the Nisqually earthquake, Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd explained that the City is still waiting for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Taylor – Veterans Memorial Park

Ted Taylor, 1104 Shelton Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, congratulated the City on its beautification efforts, and stated that the Veterans Memorial is another beautification effort that he hopes to see completed by Veteran's Day, November 11, 2002. He pointed out that November 11th would be an ideal time to have a ceremony at the new Renton Veterans Memorial.

Citizen Comment: Quesenberry – Police Department Staffing

Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058, thanked Mayor Tanner for his determination and leadership regarding the matter of Police Department staffing. She read from a letter she received from Mayor Tanner in which he stated that two additional police positions are needed in the Police Department, and that he intends to submit a request to the Council to increase the staff authorization for the Police Department by two positions.

Stating that the topic of Police Department staffing is being discussed by the Public Safety Committee, Councilman Clawson commented that the Mayor's recommendation to increase staff is appreciated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2002

Approval of Council meeting minutes of April 8, 2002. Council concur.

Appeal: Reservoir Short Plat, Deborah Gregor (SHP-01-169)

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision regarding the Reservoir Short Plat (SHP-01-169); seven single-family lots on 1.21 acres located at the northeast corner of NW 3rd Ct. and 84th Ave. S. Appeal filed by Deborah Gregor on 3/19/2002, accompanied by required fee. Refer to Planning & Development Committee. (See page 133 for related correspondence.)

Community Services: Ivars Contract Unforecasted Revenue Allocation, Clam Lights

Community Services Department recommended approval to allocate the unforecasted revenue in the amount of \$15,866 from Ivar's Seafood Bar (as per Ivar's contract with the City) for power upgrades for the Clam Lights Festival held at Gene Coulon Beach Park. Council concur.

Plat: Edmonds, Edmonds Ave NE & NE 12th St (FP-02-023)

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Edmonds Final Plat; 16 single-family lots on 1.78 acres located at Edmonds Ave. NE and NE 12th St. (FP-02-023). Council concur. (See page 134 for resolution.)

EDNSP: 2002 Neighborhood Grant Program

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted recommendations for 2002 Neighborhood Grants. Total project budget amount is \$50,000. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Plat: Honeybrooke Phase II, NE 4th St (PP-01-171)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Honeybrooke Phase II Preliminary Plat; ten single-family lots on approximately 2.5 acres located at 5300 and 5308 NE 4th St. (PP-01-171). Council concur.

Special Assessment District: 80th Ave S

Utility Systems Division requested approval of final costs for 80th Ave. S. Special Assessment District for sanitary sewer service; vicinity of 80th Ave. S., S. 130th St. and S. Langston Rd. (SAD-01-002). Refer to Utilities Committee.

Utility: 2002 CIP Fund Transfer, SCADA System

Utility Systems Division recommended approval to transfer \$100,000 of the 2002 Water Utility Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds from the reservoir recoating budget to the telemetry improvement budget in order to complete the

replacement of the Uniface portion of the City's drinking water supervisory, control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Rogers –
Year-End Fund Balance Use

Correspondence was read from Marilyn Rogers, 1709 Jones Dr. SE, Renton, 98055, stating that the proposed plan for the swimming pool is too elaborate, and suggesting that construction of a simple swimming pool would be a better use of the City's year-end fund balance. Ms. Rogers also suggested that the excess funds be used to fund a police officer to patrol the Rolling Hills neighborhood. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Councilman Corman stated that a swimming pool study conducted in 1997 indicated that pool usage would increase with the addition of a wave machine and a slide. He asked that copies of the study be available for citizen review at the April 22nd Committee of the Whole meeting at which the proposed uses for the year-end fund balance will be discussed.

Citizen Comment: Brown –
Police Department Staffing

Correspondence was read from Frederick R. Brown, D.D.S., P.S., 1080 Kirkland Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, urging Council to hire an additional police officer as well as needed support staff. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Skinner –
Reservoir Short Plat Appeal
(SHP-01-169)

Correspondence was read from Deidre and Allen Skinner, 12823 84th Ave. S., Seattle, 98178, supporting the appeal filed by Deborah Gregor of the Reservoir Short Plat (SHP-01-169). The Skinners expressed concern that residential traffic will increase as a result of the density of the proposed development. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Added

Citizen Comment: Shilling –
Year-End Fund Balance Use

Correspondence was read from Ruth E. Shilling, 247 Pelly Ave. N., Renton, 98055, suggesting that instead of spending the year-end fund balance right now, the City should wait until the current economic situation becomes more clear. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Various –
Swimming Pool

The following electronic letters were read into the record in support of the proposed swimming pool in Renton: Kim Browne, 1003 N. 28th Pl., Renton, 98056; Ron and Tracy Bundy, 1167 N. 27th Pl., Renton, 98056; Jennifer Douwes, 2211 NE 23rd St., Renton, 98056; Mark Johnson, 316 Renton Ave. S., Renton, 98055; Carin Moore, 15741 142nd Pl. SE, Renton, 98058; Ofsthus Family, 4221 NE 24th St., Renton, 98059; Carol Ryckman (no address given); and Tom Wallin, 1908 Vashon Ct. NE, Renton, 98059.

The following electronic letters were read into the record in opposition to the proposed swimming pool in Renton: Brian Johnson, 14509 SE 167th St., Renton, 98058; David Moosbrugger, 565 Anacortes Ave. NE, #104, Renton, 98059; and Charles Thomas, 4408 NE 11th St., Renton, 98059.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER

THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
CARRIED.

Councilman Corman said that a common theme among citizens who stated their positions regarding the proposed pool, is the issue of operating costs. He stressed that the pool design is such that the user fees will pay for the operating costs; and this will be accomplished, not by charging a high admission cost, but by attracting a large number of users. Mayor Tanner agreed that the proposed design will attract a large number of users and the City's subsidy to the pool would be much reduced. He pointed out that most pools have to be subsidized because they do not pay for themselves, just as most parks are subsidized by the general taxpayers.

Councilman Clawson stated that according to a survey conducted in November, 2001, by the Community Services Department, citizens are also interested in the construction of an indoor pool; therefore, he recommended that the issue regarding an indoor versus an outdoor pool also be addressed. In addition, he requested that a summarized version of the survey results be made available for review, and that a cost estimate for a covered pool be prepared.

Council Parker stated that he supports the pool design as developed in 1997, which includes a variety of amenities such as a lap pool and a wading pool. He emphasized that the amenities will increase the usage of the pool. Council President Nelson also expressed her support for an outside family pool, and she noted that there are already two indoor pools located in Renton at Lindbergh and Hazen High Schools.

OLD BUSINESS
Community Services
Committee

Human Services: Friends of
Youth Request for Funding,
Griffin Home

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the request by Friends of Youth for \$5,000 for the Griffin Home redevelopment. The Committee supported the staff recommendation that Friends of Youth use the existing process for funding human services, and that Council act on the 2003 funding recommendation of the Human Services Advisory Committee for Friends of Youth in June, 2002. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee
SCA: Bylaws

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) proposed bylaws. The Committee recommended that the Renton City Council authorize the Mayor to approve on behalf of the City of Renton the proposed SCA Bylaws, as presented in the March 29, 2002, correspondence received from SCA. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and Council President be authorized to send a letter to SCA identifying seven areas that should be addressed through policies and procedures, or through subsequent amendments, in order to clarify the intent of the bylaws and the organization. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution #3562

Plat: Edmonds, Edmonds Ave
NE & NE 12th St (FP-02-023)

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read approving the Edmonds Final Plat consisting of approximately 1.78 acres located in the vicinity of Edmonds Ave. NE and NE 12th St. (FP-02-023). MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #4962

Planning: 2001 Annual Update
of the Zoning Book & Wall
Map

An ordinance was read adopting the 2001 amendments to the zoning classifications of properties located within the City of Renton. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Streets: S 180th St/SW 43rd St
Closure (Tukwila's Grade
Separation Project)

Councilman Persson commented that traffic seems to be running smoothly now that S. 180th St./SW 43rd St. has closed; however, he noted that the detour signs placed as a result of the closure do not display the business logos. Responding to Mayor Tanner's inquiry regarding when Oakesdale Ave. SW will open, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman stated that Oakesdale Ave. SW will open for traffic by May 1st, weather permitting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:20 p.m.



BONNIE I. WALTON, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
April 15, 2002